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IN THE STATE BAR COURT OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

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**ORDER DESIGNATING SUPERVISING JUDGES
TO PERFORM CERTAIN FUNCTIONS**

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General Order 95-8, filed December 28, 1994, is hereby modified. The Supervising Judge or Assistant Supervising Judge as the case may be in each venue of the Hearing Department is delegated the Presiding Judge's authority to reassign pending cases from one full time hearing judge to another within the same venue upon a determination that the hearing judge originally assigned has recused himself or herself or is otherwise unavailable to serve without undue delay in the proceedings.


The Supervising Judge or Assistant Supervising Judge in each venue of the Hearing Department is further delegated authority and is designated to perform the following functions:

1. Rule upon motions to disqualify the assigned judge pursuant to rule 106 of the Rules of Procedure for the State Bar Court proceeding. In the event the Supervising or Assistant Supervising Judge is the assigned judge who is being challenged the motion shall be ruled upon by the Assistant Supervising Judge in the venue or if the

Assistant Supervising Judge is unavailable the motion shall be ruled upon by the Supervising Judge or Assistant Supervising Judge in the other venue.

2. Reassign pending cases from one full time Hearing Judge to another within the same venue when necessary in order to facilitate consolidation of matters pending in the Hearing Department pursuant to rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure for State Bar Court proceedings.
3. Rule on motions pursuant to rule 1200 of Rules of Practice of the State Bar Court and any other urgently needed action in cases assigned to a Hearing Judge in the same venue while that Judge is absent or unavailable. If the Supervising Judge or Assistant Supervising Judge of that venue are unavailable then the Supervising or Assistant Supervising Judge of the other venue may exercise this function.

Effective forthwith and until further order of the Presiding Judge.


James W. O'Brien
Presiding Judge